



Crop Progress and Condition

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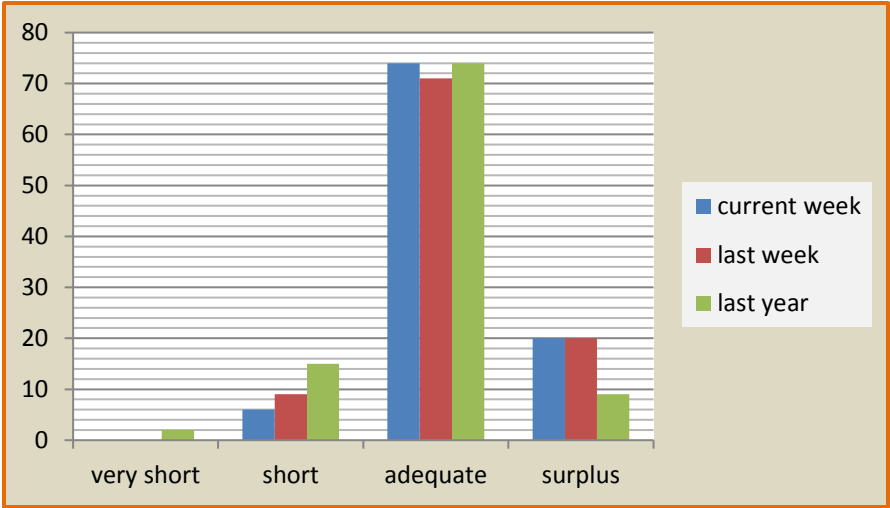
Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 1.2. Farming activities this week included calving and lambing. With the rains, some producers have turned out onto pastures early to avoid mud, and are waiting for fields to dry up to begin more fieldwork.

SOIL MOISTURE and SUPPLIES for week ending 04/01/18

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	%	%	%	%
Topsoil	-	6	74	20
Subsoil	1	5	76	18
Hay & Roughage	-	13	83	4
Feed grain	-	9	90	1

-Represents zero.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE for week ending 04/01/18



CROP and LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS for week ending 04/01/18

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	%	%	%	%	%
Apples	-	2	24	65	9
Peaches	-	2	30	66	2
Hay	-	2	29	64	5
Winter Wheat	-	1	32	55	12
Pasture	-	16	40	39	5
Cattle & Calves	-	2	16	75	7
Sheep & Lambs	-	1	13	78	8

- Represents zero.

LIVESTOCK PROGRESS for week ending 04/01/18

Livestock Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Calved	63	59	63	69
Lambled	68	64	69	75

- Represents data not available.

Weather Summary- For the week ending April 01, 2018

As the 2018 growing season begins, temperatures across the State were around average. Clarksburg and Elkins were above average, while all other sites were at or below average. Although temperatures for the week were near average, throughout the week the temperatures wildly swung. Highs recorded were in the 70s to 80, and lows for the week dipped into the 20s and 30s. Precipitation amounts continued to be above average again this week. West Virginia had both cold fronts effect the Northern half of the State, and warm systems effect the Southern half of the State (minor flooding was reported). Several stations reached two inches and Elkins received over three.

Temperatures: Pineville had the highest recorded temperature of 80 degrees. Keyser had the lowest recorded temperature of 21 degrees. The state average temperature was 47 degrees.

Precipitation: Elkins had the highest recorded amount of precipitation with 3.06 inches. Bluefield had the lowest recorded amount of precipitation with 0.29 of an inch. The state average precipitation was 1.78 inches.

Temperature and Precipitation Data for the Week Ending 04/01/18									
Temperature					Precipitation				
Station	High	Low	Average	Weekly Departure	Week's Total	Norm	Since April 1st 2018	Same Week Last Year	Season Normal
--NORTHWEST-----									
WHEELING	62	29	44		1.95		0.24	0.68	
PARKERSBURG	67	29	47	-1	2.08	0.87	0.51	0.44	0.34
CRESTON	71	23	46		2.05		0.54	0.25	
--NORTHCENTRAL-----									
MORGANTOWN	72	29	46		2.23		0.60	0.86	
CLARKSBURG	74	31	49	3	2.45	1.01	0.52	0.52	0.37
BELINGTON	76	29	48		2.77		0.61	0.59	
WESTON	75	24	47		2.90		0.61	0.49	
--SOUTHWEST-----									
WILLIAMSON	77	33	52		1.70		0.45	0.12	
HUNTINGTON	70	34	50	-1	2.33	0.85	0.61	0.21	0.34
CHARLESTON	78	28	49	-1	1.79	0.82	0.90	0.51	0.32
RIPLEY	71	23	46		2.05		0.54	0.25	
--CENTRAL-----									
TERRA ALTA	69	26	42		2.99		0.76	1.65	
ELKINS	74	31	48	4	3.06	0.93	0.68	0.66	0.39
MARLINTON	74	25	43		1.23		0.24	0.42	
--SOUTHERN-----									
BECKLEY	73	23	46	0	1.20	0.82	0.37	0.48	0.32
PINEVILLE	80	29	51		1.24		0.48	0.39	
BLUEFIELD	78	26	49	-1	0.29	0.78	0.02	0.24	0.31
WHITE SUL SP	76	25	46		0.59		0.19	0.42	
BLUESTONE DAM	78	28	49		0.85		0.17	0.56	
--NORTHEASTERN-----									
MARTINSBURG	69	25	44	-3	0.87	0.87	0.46	0.92	0.35
KEYSER	67	21	43		1.52		0.77	0.64	
MOOREFIELD	76	30	47		0.91		0.60	0.65	
State Average Temperature	47								
State Average Precipitation	1.78								

Source:
Weather comments and data - Dept. of Commerce, National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration National Weather Service, Charleston, WV.

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